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RESOLUTION ON SLAVERY ABOLITION

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11. (U) This message is sensitive but unclassified: please protect accordingly.

12. (SBU) Per ref, poloff delivered the demarche on November 17 to director of political affairs Weiner Jean Baptiste in the ministry of foreign affairs. Jean Baptiste said that this resolution was very important to Caricom, but especially to Haiti because it had the first successful slave revolt which resulted in an independent country. Jean Baptiste did not have any immediate objections to the proposed changes in paragraph eight, but was non-committal regarding GOH action. He said that he would analyze the changes and report back to post. He also told poloff that his ministry had unspecified minor objections to other parts of the text. The GOH also plans to suggest that the commemoration be changed to April 7 to coincide with the date of the death of Toussaint Louverture. SANDERSON